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COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE (CIECC) -
HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMARY

US POSITIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES BECAME CONSENSUS VIEWS OF MOST
DELEGATIONS WITHOUT OVERT APPEARANCE OF US LABEL. WHILE
INITIAL DISAPPOINTMENT EVIDENT REGARDING LEVEL OF US PLEDGE
\$10.9 MILLION OF WHICH FOUR MILLION EARMARKED (SEE SANTO DOMINGO
0455) FOR MAR DEL PLATA RESOLUTION, CRITICISM NEVER WAS AIRED IN
A FORM OF ACrimonious DEBATE. SEVERAL COUNTRIES, HOWEVER, CONSIDERED A
CRITICAL RESOLUTION CONCERNING LEVEL OF US PLEDGE WHICH HOWEVER
DID NOT MATERIALIZE. VENEZUELAN OAS AMBASSADOR GARCIA BUSTILLOS
IN PRESS CONFERENCE HIGHLY CRITICAL OF US PLEDGE. CLAIMED THIS
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PRELUDE TO WHAT CAN BE EXPECTED WHEN SECRETARY KISSINGER MEETS

WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MEXICO CITY. IN GENERAL MEETING WAS CONSTRUCTIVE, PROVIDED OPPORTUNITY FOR DELEGATIONS TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO WORK OF OAS IN FIELDS OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE, AND TO REVIEW PLANS FOR 1974-76 PROGRAMS. US CITIZEN ELECTED TO SCIENCE COMMITTEE BY LARGEST MAJORITY OF ANY CANDIDATES STANDING FOR ELECTION IN THREE COMMITTEES. CARIBBEAN DELEGATIONS FOR FIRST TIME WERE MORE ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN CIECC CONFERENCE. CONTROVERSIAL RESOLUTION ON CEPICIECC REPRESENTATION (NO. 131) WHICH IS ALSO ON CIES AGENDA IN QUITO, WAS SET ASIDE AND NEW STUDY TO BE MADE AS PART OF OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA IN ATLANTA. MEXICO CITY HOST COUNTRY TO NEXT CIECC IN JANUARY 1975. LOCAL POLITICAL CLIMATE WAS CALM THROUGHOUT CONFERENCE WHICH REPRESENTED FIRST MAJOR PRESENCE OF OAS IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SINCE EVENTS OF 1965. US SUCCESSFUL IN DELETING CONSIDERATION OF CULTURAL PATRIMONY FROM CIECC AGENDA. OAS SECRETARIAT HIGHLY CRITICIZED FOR INEFFICIENCIES WHICH CAUSED UNNECESSARY DELAYS. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS SUPERB HOST AND DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO INSURE SUCCESS OF CONFERENCE.

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1. HIGHLIGHTS OF MEETING IN TERMS OF US INTERESTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE FULL US PLEDGE STATEMENT IS CONTAINED IN SANTO DOMINGO 0455. LATIN PLEDGES AT MEETING FOR MAR DEL PLATA SPECIAL PROJECTS EXCEED FOUR MILLION DOLLARS WITH EXPECTATIONS OF ADDITIONAL PLEDGES, ESPECIALLY FROM SMALLER COUNTRIES. LATIN PLEDGES THEORETICALLY WOULD CALL FOR MATCHING US PLEDGE OF OVER EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS BASED ON A US/LA RATION OF 66:34. THERE INITIALLY HAD BEEN SOME CORRIDOR COMMENT AMONG DELEGATIONS ABOUT OUR PLEDGE WITH QUERY IF THIS HAS ANY IMPLICATION AS TO WHAT LATIN CAN EXPECT AT MEXICO CITY ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT. A PERUVIAN DELEGATE AT CONFERENCE ALSO CONFIDED TO USDEL THAT DELEGATIONS FROM BRAZIL, MEXICO AND ARGENTINA HAD APPROACHED HIM ABOUT SUPPORTING A RESOLUTION OR A MOTION IN THE CIECC CONFERENCE CRITICIZING ATHE US LOW PLEDGE. THE PERUVIAN DELEGATE WOULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THESE TACTICS IN AN OTHERWISE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL MEETING. ON DOMINICAN RADIO SATURDAY MORNING AND ON FRONT PAGE DOMINICAN PAPER LISTIN DIARIO, VENEZUELAN OAS AMBASSADOR GARCIA BUSTILLOS WITH REFERENCE TO US LOW PLEDGE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "THIS NORTH AMERICAN ACTION IN HEART OF CIECC IS AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF WHAT DR. KISSINGER WILL SAY TO THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES."

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B. MAR DEL PLATA DRAFT STANDARDS CAME UNDER ATTACK IN WORKING COMMITTEES WHICH CONVENED IMMEDIATELY AFTER PLEDGING SESSION. MANY DELEGATES USED DEBATE ON STANDARDS TO EXPRESS DISSATISFACTION WITH US PLEDGE. MAR DEL PLATA STANDARDS CAME BEFORE PLENARY AT 1:30 A.M. SATURDAY FEBRUARY 2. LONG DEBATE APPEARED LIKELY IN EFFORT RECONCILE RECOMMENDATIONS DRAFTED DURING CIECC MEETING WITH PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CEPICIECC STANDARDS. AFTER LONG AND

FRUSTRATING DISCUSSION US (LION) MADE TIMELY PROPOSAL THAT BOTH DOCUMENTS BE ACCEPTED WITH MODIFICATION AS NECESSARY FOR COMPATIBILITY. US ALSO SUGGESTED PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL STANDARDS, SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AS EXPERIENCE DICTATES, WOULD PERMIT IMPLEMENTATION SPECIAL PROJECTS. PROPOSAL WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED (BOTH WORKING COMMITTEES RECOMMENDATIONS ON STANDARDS DEVELOPED DURING CIECC MEETING AND PREVIOUSLY APPROVED CEPICIECC STANDARDS ARE ESSENTIALLY US PRODUCT.)

C. RESOLUTION APPROVED COVERING IN DEPTH EVALUATIONS OF SCIENCE AND EDUCATION PROJECTS, ALONG WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF RESULTING RECOMMENDATIONS AND NECESSARY FOLLOW-UP. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO BROADEN THE USE OF EVALUATION TECHNIQUES ON OTHER PROJECTS ALSO APPROVED.

D. CANDIDATES ELECTED TO THREE INTER-AMERICAN TECHNICAL COMMITTEES, SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND CULTURE, APPEAR TO BE WELL QUALIFIED. USDEL PLEASED WITH OVERWHELMING VOTE GIVEN OUR CANDIDATE FOR SCIENCE, SIMONPIETRI (SEE SANTO DOMINGO 481).

E. CULTURAL PATRIMONY DISCUSSION AS RESULT TIMELY FOOTWORK BY USDEL WAS POSTPONED PENDING RECEIPT OF PREVIOUSLY REQUESTED MEMBER COUNTRY COMMENTS ON DRAFT REPORT OF INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE. ONLY US AND ARGENTINA HAD PROVIDED COMMENTS REQUESTED SOME MONTHS AGO.

F. WORK OF COMMITTEES ON EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE WERE GENERALLY CONSTRUCTIVE WITH US REPRESENTATIVES CONTRIBUTING GREATLY TO THE SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF COMMITTEES WORK.

G. RESOLUTION 131 OF OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST YEAR, WAS SUBJECT OF LENGTHY DEBATES AT CIECC. THIS HAD TO DO WITH EFFORTS OF EVER MOUNTING NUMBER OF MEMBER STATES TO ACHIEVE REPRESENTATION IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CIECC'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CEPCIECC). US WAS NAMED TO A SEVEN MEMBER WORKING GROUP TO ATTEMPT TO RECONCILE SEVERAL DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW. IN SUBSEQUENT PLENARY DEBATE OVER WORKING GROUP DRAFT, US EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER DEBATE POSSIBLY LEADING TO A NEW AND HASTILY DRAFTED RESOLUTION EQUALLY INCAPABLE OF IMPLEMENTATION AS IS 131. THE FINAL RESULT WAS A RESOLUTION WHICH ADMITS ALPHABETICAL ROTATION WON'T WORK, AGREES PRESENT SYSTEM OF REPRESENTATION DOES NOT SATISFY MANY COUNTRIES, ACKNOWLEDGES THE NEED FOR APPLICATION OF JURIDICAL EQUALITY TO ALL MEMBER STATES AND THEIR GREATER PARTICIPATION IN CEPICIECC. AS A RESULT THIS RESOLUTION IS ON THE OASGA AT ATLANTA.

VARIOUS PROPOSALS WERE ANNEXED TO ABOVE RESOLUTION, INCLUDING THOSE OF ECUADOR, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO, CHILE AND PERU AS WELL AS THE OBSERVATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, AS PREVIOUSLY MADE IN

LIMA LAST YEAR.

COMMENT: THERE WAS EVIDENT EFFORT ON PART OF SOME COUNTRIES TO PORTRAY THE US AND OTHERS OPPOSED TO HASTILY DRAWN PROPOSALS AS BEING AGAINST DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES. US SAID THAT WHILE IT OBVIOUSLY SUPPORTS DEMOCRACY, IT WOULD NOT BE PARTY TO ANOTHER INOPERATIVE RESOLUTION LIKE 131. U.S. ALSO NOTED THAT AT LAST OAS ASSEMBLY IN WASHINGTON LAST APRIL, ONE OF VENEZUELAN ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS IN LIEU OF ALPHABETICAL ROTATION, CALLED FOR FULL REPRESENTATION ON CEPACIECC AND HAD BEEN ROUNDLY DEFEATED.

2. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS:

MEETINGS WERE FREQUENTLY DELAYED DUE TO FACT THAT DOCUMENTS WERE NOT READY OR, IN INSTANCE OF REFERENCE DOCUMENTS, NOT AVAILABLE. THANKS TO USOAS DOCUMENTS OFFICER (GEIGAN) USDEL BECAME PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF REQUIRED REFERENCE DOCUMENTS. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE CRITICISM OF SECRETARIAT FOR OBVIOUS LACK OF ADEQUATE PLANNING. THIS SITUATION IN PART WAS DUE TO ECONOMY MEASURES RESULTING IN LOCAL HIRE OF INEXPERIENCED STAFF. THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT PROVED CONGENIAL AND COOPERATIVE HOSTS. ALL DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE MET AT AIRPORT AND EACH CHIEF OF DELEGATION WAS PROVIDED WITH CAR, CHAUFFEUR AND SECURITY AGENT. PRESIDENT BALAGUER PARTICIPATED IN TWO OF THE MANY SOCIAL EVENTS.

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3. POLITICAL CLIMATE:

IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT FOR THE FIRST OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN 1970 UNDER THE REVISED CHARTER (PROTOCOL OF BUENOS AIRES) THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OFFERED TO BE HOST. SUBSEQUENTLY, HOWEVER, IT HAD TO WITHDRAW THIS OFFER BECAUSE OF THE LOCAL POLITICAL SITUATION, COMBINED WITH THE BAD NAME OF THE OAS GROWING OUT OF ITS 1965 INVOLVEMENT. MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AT THAT TIME WERE GENUINELY CONCERNED FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE IMAGE OF AN OAS MEETING WHICH WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSIVE SECURITY SAFEGUARDS. BY CONTRAST THIS TIME THE OAS WAS PRESENT IN THE INTEREST OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE AND THE HARNESSING OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DEVELOPMENT. OVER FOURTEEN MINISTERS OF EDUCATION AND OTHER HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS ATTENDED CIECC WITH NO REPORTED INCIDENTS KNOWN TO USDEL. ONLY PRESS COMMENTARY THIS REGARD USDEL SAW BEFORE LEAVING RECALLED EVENTS OF 1965 BUT LIKEWISE DREW CONTRAST. HURWIOCH
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